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**Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Presents a Sensory-Friendly Production of “Beauty and the Beast” Presented by PNC on Feb. 23**



**PITTSBURGH, PA (Jan. 2020)** - Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre (PBT) will present a sensory-friendly production of “Beauty and the Beast” presented by PNC at **4:30 p.m. on Feb. 23** at the Benedum Center. This marks the second time PBT has performed a sensory-friendly version of “Beauty and the Beast.”

The performance will feature extra support and adaptations for people with sensory sensitivities, autism spectrum disorders and other individualized needs.

Sensory-friendly accommodations include:

- Specially trained staff, dancers, ushers and volunteers
- Quiet break areas and activity stations in the lobby of the Benedum Center

- Relaxed theater rules, including low house lighting and the freedom to come and go from seats as needed
- Fidget items and earplugs for use during the performance
- Permission to use iPads and other electronics for therapeutic uses
- Adjustments to or elimination of potentially startling light, sound and special effects
- Pre-performance guides to acclimate patrons to the storyline, theater and production

PBT first presented a sensory-friendly production of “Beauty and the Beast” in 2015 as part of its 45th Anniversary Season. PBT has also performed sensory-friendly productions of “Peter Pan” and “The Nutcracker,” beginning in 2013.

In addition to sensory-friendly performances, PBT offers adaptive dance classes designed for students with individualized needs, in which students learn ballet basics and modified choreography. More information about adaptive dance and other accessibility programs at [www.pbt.org/accessibility](http://www.pbt.org/accessibility).

**Single tickets**, which are discounted for this show, are available at [www.pbt.org/performances-tickets/sensory-friendly-performances/](http://www.pbt.org/performances-tickets/sensory-friendly-performances/) or by calling 412-456-6666.

**Group tickets** for eight or more patrons are available by calling 412-454-9101 or emailing [groupsales@pittsburghballet.org](mailto:groupsales@pittsburghballet.org).

**For questions** about accommodations, please call 412-454-9105 or visit [www.pbt.org/sensoryfriendly](http://www.pbt.org/sensoryfriendly).

### **About PNC presents “Beauty and the Beast”**

Beauty comes from within. So does the nature of the Beast. See both sides of the story in “Beauty and the Beast.” The classic tale weaves a tender love story between the gnarled trees of the enchanted forest. Audiences are offered a glimpse at unexpected romance, heartbreak and the power of love through striking scenery and stunning neoclassical choreography.

Choreography: Lew Christensen

Music: P.I. Tchaikovsky

For more information, visit [www.pbt.org/performances/pnc-presents-beauty-and-the-beast/](http://www.pbt.org/performances/pnc-presents-beauty-and-the-beast/)

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